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In re Patent Application of: Yoshiaki Usami, et al.

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For: GROUP MANAGEMENT SERVICE

SUPPORT METHOD FOR BUILDING, SUPPORT DEVICE, SUPPORT SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM STORAGE

**MEDIUM** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Box Non-Fee Amendment** 

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 8-10.

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